

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY PATENT  
APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and joint/sole inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which (check only one item below):

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed as United States application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
if applicable).
- ☒ was filed as PCT international application No. PCT/NZ2005/000033  
on 2 March 2005.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of

America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN /PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMES UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119:**

| COUNTRY<br>(if PCT<br>Indicate PCT) | APPLICATION<br>NO. | DATE OF<br>FILING | PRIORITY CLAIMED<br>UNDER 35<br>U.S.C.119 |
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| New Zealand                         | 531500             | 3 March 2004      | Yes                                       |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112 I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

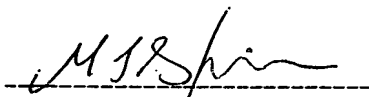
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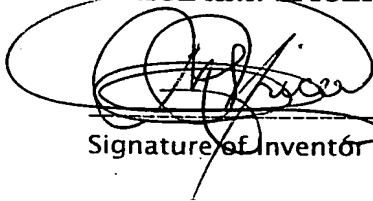
  
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